आवेदन पत्रों को अस्वीकार कर दिया है तथा इस संबंध में संसद सदस्यों के अभ्यावेदनों में किए गए अनुरोध को अस्वीकृत कर दिया हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा निजी क्षेत्र के उन उपक्रमों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके आवेदन पत्रों को अस्वीकृत कर दिया गया है;

(ग) उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) किन-किन विभिन्न कारकों तथा परिस्थितियों के अंतर्गत मंत्रालय द्वारा उपर्युक्त दृष्टिकोण अपनाया गया है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री सुरजीत सिंह बरनाल्र): (क) से (घ) प्रतिधारण मूल्य-सह-राजसहायता (आर पी एस) के तहत एकक के प्रतिधारण मूल्य तथा वितरक का लाभ घटाकर बिक्रि मूल्य के बीच के अन्तर का भुगतान राजसहायता के रूप में किया जाता है। प्रतिधारण मूल्य के निर्धारण के लिए अनुमोदित नीतिगत मानदण्डों के अनुसार उद्योगों के दो प्रतिनिधियों के साथ अन्तर मंत्रालयी समिति, उर्वरक उद्योग समन्वय समिति (एफआई सी सी) प्रत्येक यूनिट के लिए प्रतिधारण मूल्य निर्धारित करती है। इस समिति में इस उद्योग के दो प्रतिनिधि हैं। इस प्रकार निर्धारित किये गये प्रतिधारण मूल्य के विरुद्ध संबंधित एककों से कभी - कभी अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होते हैं। उर्वरक उद्योग समन्वय समिति द्वारा इन अभ्यावेदनों पर उक्त नीति मानदण्डों के संदर्भ में विचार किया जाता है और उपयुक्त समझे जाने वाले परिवर्तन कर दिये जाते हैं।

Intrusion of Corporate Capital in the Sports Sphere

*93. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of large-scale intrusion of corporate capital, including foreign capital, in the sphare of sports;

(b) whether such intrusion has been in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Ministry after consultation with the Ministry of Finance; and

(c) the measures Government propose to adopt to ensure that the infiltration of corporate capital does not have an inimical effect on the quality of public sports and games in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) It is not correct that there is large-scale intrusion of corporate capital, including foreign capital, in the sphere of sports. The Government has, however, been taking up with the corporate sector for investment in promotion of sports. A number of Indian corporate houses are reported to be sponsoring sports events and individual sports persons. Some corporate houses are running sports academies.

With a view to encourage the corporate sector as well as individuals both within and outside the country to take up promotion of sports, the Government has set up a National Development Sports Fund recently. The Government will make an initial contribution of Rs. 2 crores to the Fund during the current year. With a view to make contribution to the Fund attractive, it has been decided to provide 100% exemption from Income Tax, Detailed guidelines have been formulated on operation of the Fund.

(b) and (c) There are no specific guidelines to regulate inflow of corporate funds towards sporting activities. Since no adverse effect of such investment has been in evidence, Government has not considered it necessary for formulating guidelines governing such corporate investment.

AIDS Prevention Programme

*94. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of cases of AIDS, as on date, in the country, State-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken to educate the people about AIDS and their reactions;

(c) the total grants given to each State to eradicate AIDS; and

(d) how may AIDS treatment centres are being set up for treating AIDS patients in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (d) *Total Number of AIDS Cases*

As on 31st October, 1998, 6609 AIDs cases have been reported. A statement giving the statewise figures is at Statement-I. (*See below*).

Steps taken to Educate People

Information, Education and Communication (IEC) is an important thrust area for the prevention and control of HIV. All media of communication are being used to disseminate messages to bring behaviour change, both by the Central and the State Governments. A nation-wide campaign has been launched through the mass media viz. Doordarshan, All India Radio and the print media on the national network and regional channels to create awareness among the general public.

Greater emphasis is being given to create awareness in rural areas in the local dialects, through folk media, local troupes, street plays, puppet shows etc.

An intensive programme has been taken up to provide information and counselling services through centres run by NGOs. A national AIDS Telephone Helpline has been set upon the toll free number 1097. A number of NGOs have been given financial and technical support to take up targetted interventions programmes on commercial sex workers, intravenous drug users, truckers, street children, migrant labour etc.

A national plan has been launched for educating and sensitizing youth through school based programmes. College youth are being sensitized through the NSS activities. For non-student and rural youth, programmes have been launched through the Nehru Yuvak Kendras.

Awareness levels are of the order of 68% to 94% on an average in selected metros and 22% to 72% in selected rural areas.

Total Grant Released

A statement showing total grants given to each State from 1992-93 on wards yearwise is at Statement-II (*See below*)

Treatment of AIDS Cases

There are no separate treatment centres for AIDS cases. It is the Policy of National AIDS Control Organisation to make the treatment available at all hospitals/health care centres in the country to these patients without any discrimination.

Statement-I

National Aids Control Programme India Aids Cases in India (Reported to NACO)

(As on 31st October, 1998)

Sl.No.	State/Union Territory	Aids Cases
1.	Andhra Pradesh	45
2.	Assam	22
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	0
5.	Bihar	3
6.	Chandigarh (U.T.)	
7.	Punjab	100
8.	Delhi	219
9.	Daman & Diu (U.T)	1
10.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
11.	Goa	12
12.	Gujarat	136
13.	Haryana	1
14.	Himachal Pradesh	9
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
16.	Karnataka	153
17.	Kerala	106
18.	Lakshadeep (U.T)	0
19.	Madhya Pradesh	210
20.	Maharashtra	3251
21.	Orissa	2
22.	Nagaland	10
23.	Manipur	301
24.	Mizoram	5
25.	Meghalaya	8
26.	Pondicherry	134
27.	Rajasthan	77
28.	Sikkim	2
29.	Tamilnadu	1624
30.	Tripura	0
31.	Uttar Pradesh	119
32.	West Bengal	57
	TOTAL	6609

National AIDS Control Programme Release of funds during 1998--99

(Rupees in lakhs)

S.No.	State	Funds Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	650.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	
3.	Assam	
4.	Bihar	110.00
5.	Goa	35.00
6.	Gujarat	
7.	Haryana	160.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	100.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	
10.	Karnataka	335.00
11.	Kerala	
12.	Madhya Pradesh	315.00
13.	Maharashtra	800.00
14.	Manipur	210.00
15.	Meghalaya	
16.	Mizoram	60.00
17.	Nagaland	160.00
18.	Orissa	
19.	Punjab	110.00
20.	Rajasthan	
21.	Sikkim	50.00
22.	Tamilnadu	800.00
23.	Tripura	
24.	Uttar Pradesh	200.00
25.	West Bengal	350.00
26.	Pondicherry	40.00
27.	A & N Islands	
28.	Chandigarh	60.00
29.	D & N Haveli	
30.	Daman & Diu	
31.	Delhi	110.00
32.	Lakshadweep	
33.	Mumbai Distt. AIDS Society	350.00
	TOTAL	5005.00

Conversion of Rupsa-Bangiriposhi and Nvapara-Gunupur Rail Lines

*95. SHRI ANANTA SETHI:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Miniter of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work for conversion of Rupsa-Bangiriposhi and Nvapara-Gunupur rail lines in Orissa has been started; if so, the details, thereof;

(b) the fund allocations made for the purpose so far;

(c) the progress of projects, as on date; and

(d) the year by which these would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Work has already been started on the gauge conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi. As far as Naupada-Gunupur is concerned, the work is included in the Railway Budget and will be taken up once the requisite clearances have been obtained, for which action has already been initiated.

(b) The fund allocations made for Rupsa-Bangriposi so far are Rs. 1,87,64,000/- upto 31.3.98 and Rs. 2 crs. have been provided in the current financial year. For Naupada-Gunupur fund allocation will be made after the requisite clearances have been obtained.

(c) On Rupsa-Bangriposi project, formation work is in progress from km. 0 to 75. Other works would be taken up in the coming years. On Naupada-Gunupur, work will be progressed only after the clearances have been received.

(d) The work on Rupsa-Bangriposi is expected to be completed in the 10th Five Year Plan subject to availability of resources. For Naupada-Gunupur target can only be fixed once clearances are available and work is taken up.

Ecological devastation in India

*96. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI SOLIPETA
RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comments in UNDP's 1998